Eight laning of Delhi Ring Road

3619. SHRI B.J. PANDA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that it is proposed to make the entire Ring Road in Delhi an 8-lane to make commuting comfortable;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also proposed to make the circular road signal free; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI AJAY MAKEN): (a) and (b) The Public Works Department of Government of NCT of Delhi (GNCTD) has informed that there is a proposal to widen Ring Road to 8 lanes. The widening has already been completed from Dhaula Kuan to Raja Garden (7.9 Kms.), Raja Garden to Punjabi Bagh (3.6 Kms.), Mukandpur to Wazirabad (5.5 Kms.) and Andrews Ganj to Safdarjung (3.5 Kms.). The widening of Ring Road is at various stages of planning and construction at other sites.

(c) and (d) GNCTD has also informed that it is proposed to make the Ring Road, signal free. For this purpose flyovers are proposed to be constructed at the intersections on the Ring Road wherever necessary.

Additional Room in Type-II Quarters in Gole Market

†3620. SHRI BHAGWATI SINGH: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to refer to the reply to Unstarred Question 1383 given in Rajya Sabha on 15th December, 2003 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the proposed period of fifteen months since February, 2004 has lapsed and the construction work of an additional room in type-II Quarters in Sector 4 of Gole Market is still incomplete;

(b) if so, what are the reasons for this delay and what is the present status of this work; and

(c) what action is proposed to be taken against the guilty contractor and officers?

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI AJAY MAKEN): (a) to (c) Work of construction of an additional room in Type-II Quarters in Sector-4, Gole Market started on 22.7.2004. The scheduled period of completion was projected as 15 months. Work in 1088 quarters out of a total of 1104 quarters has been completed. Work has been delayed in the remaining 16 quarters due to lack of cooperation of allottees *viz.* unauthorized construction by them at site, not making the site available etc. Besides, there are trees and electric poles which could not be removed in the absence of permission of the Forest Department for felling trees and of NDMC for shifting of electric poles.

Backlog vacancies

3621. SHRI PRAVEEN RASHTRAPAL: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of backlog vacancies as on 31st March, 2004 in the Ministry and its Departments under his Ministry;

(b) whether special Drive was carried out to fill in the above backlog vacancies;

(c) if so, number of vacancies filled in during the last two years, department-wise; and

(d) the backlog vacancies as on 31st March, 2006?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI AJAY MAKEN): (a) to (d) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

New construction technology of ICRI

3622. SHRI MOINUL HASSAN: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that new construction technology invented by Indian Construction Research Institute is not being used in the country;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether Government are aware that foreign technology with machinery leads to double the cost of almost all the Government projects?